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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including November 22, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$900.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) and 1.17(e). Credit Card Payment Form SB-2038, with a signature from

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an authorized cardholder, is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 04730/002001. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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